

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TOM ZOOK**, on January 16, 1997, at 3:00 p.m., in Room 312.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Tom Zook, Chairman (R)
Rep. Edward J. "Ed" Grady, Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)
Rep. Joe Quilici, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)
Rep. Beverly Barnhart (D)
Rep. Ernest Bergsagel (R)
Rep. John Cobb (R)
Rep. Roger DeBruycker (R)
Rep. Gary Feland (R)
Rep. Don Holland (R)
Rep. John Johnson (D)
Rep. Royal C. Johnson (R)
Rep. Betty Lou Kasten (R)
Rep. Bob Keenan (R)
Rep. Matt McCann (D)
Rep. William T. "Red" Menahan (D)
Rep. Ray Peck (D)
Rep. Steve Vick (R)
Rep. William R. Wiseman (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Clayton Schenck, Legislative Fiscal Division
Marjorie Peterson, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: HB 4, HB 21, HB 23, HB 101
Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON HB 4

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. ED GRADY, HD 55, Canyon Creek, opened the hearing on HB 4, An Act Appropriating Money That Would Usually be Appropriated by Budget Amendment to Various State Agencies for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1997; Providing That Certain Appropriations Continue into Fiscal Year 1998." He distributed an amendment, dated Jan. 16, 1997.
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 0.3.}

Proponents and Questions from the Committee occurred simultaneously.

Proponents:

Jane Hamman, Office of Budget and Program Planning, Helena.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 1.1.}

Dave Mott, Administration and Finance Division, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Helena.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 3.6.}

Kathy Muri, Department of Administration, Helena.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 7.3.}

Judy Hanson, Centralized Services, Department of Environmental Quality, Helena.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 8.6.}

John Wheeler, Environmental Affairs, Department of Military Affairs, Helena.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 12.2.}

Lt. Col. Alistar, Army National Guard, Department of Military Affairs.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 15.8.}

Opponents:

None.

Closing by Sponsor:

REP. GRADY closed the hearing on HB 4.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 23.6.}

HEARING ON HB 23

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. KARL OHS, HD 33, Harrison, opened the hearing on HB 23, An Act Revising the Accounting Laws of State Government to Accommodate Integrated State Management Technology for 21st Century as Required by SJR 23.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 24.4.}

Proponents:

None.

Opponents:

None.

Questions From the Committee:

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 1.3.}

Closing by Sponsor:

REP. OHS closed the hearing on HB 33.

HEARING ON HB 21

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. JOHN COBB, HD 50, Augusta, opened the hearing on HB 21, An act removing requirement that most state agency encumbrances be treated as expenditures for accounting purposes.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 6.4.}

Proponents:

None.

Opponents:

Laurie Neils, Montana University System.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 13.0.}

Questions From the Committee:

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 16.6.}

Closing by Sponsor:

REP. COBB closed the hearing on HB 21.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 1.5.}

HEARING ON HB 101

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. ERNEST BERGSAGEL, HD 95, Malta, opened the hearing on HB 101, An act increasing the aggregate value of a construction project that may be performed by inmate labor from \$25,000 to \$200,000 for each project.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 2.6.}

Proponents:

Bob Anderson, Department of Corrections, Helena.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 4.2.}

Ron Paige, Ranch Manager, Department of Corrections.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 7.5.}

Tom O'Connell, Architecture and Engineering Division, Department of Administration, Helena.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 12.9.}

Opponents:

Jerry Driscoll, Montana Construction Trades Council.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 15.5.}

Carl Schweitzer, Montana Contractors Association, Helena.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 19.2.}

Questions From the Committee:

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 23.6.}

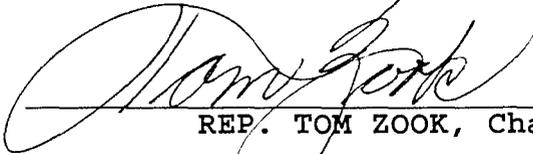
Closing by Sponsor:

REP. BERGSAGEL closed the hearing on HB 101.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 9.4.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 p.m.



REP. TOM ZOOK, Chairman



MARJORIE PETERSON, Secretary

TZ/MP